

**Montana Department of Transportation
Helena, Montana 59620**

MEMORANDUM

To: Construction Supervisors

From: Robert D. Tholt, P.E.
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Date: January 22, 2001

Subject: Portable Sign Support Assemblies

This memo is to explain the changes to the portable sign support assembly's mounting height, clearance distance and NCHRP 350 requirements.

Supplemental specification 715.02 was changed to reflect the requirement that portable sign support assemblies must meet NCHRP 350 requirements and the minimum mounting height of 2.7 feet. The 2.7 feet is from the bottom of the sign to the ground.

Supplemental specification 618.03.13 was modified to state that portable sign supports are to be located at least 3 feet from the edge of the traveled way. This measurement is from the part of the assembly closest to the road to the edge of the traveled way. We understand that situations will arise where the 3 feet distance is not feasible and engineering judgment must be used. The second sentence of this specification was separated from the first paragraph to help delineate that the Project Manager may direct adjustments to traffic control devices to fit site conditions.

We anticipate these changes being in the April supplemental specifications.

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